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From: Illinois Department of Professional Financial Regulation

RE: Licensing of Hair Braiders

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Please note that Public Act 96-1246, effective January 1, 2011, requires the licensure of hair braiders under the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985. A copy of the Act and the Department's draft Administrative Rules implementing this profession are available on the Department's website (www.idpr.com) or upon request.

The Department has become aware that there may be some confusion over the implementation process and dates for this new licensure, and as such, the following is provided in order to clarify the implementation process.

The Department has not begun to accept applications for licensure nor has the Department issued a license as a licensed hair braider. The Department will not begin to issue licenses until the administrative rules process has concluded.

In order to begin the implementation of the licensure and regulatory process for the licensure of hair braiding, the Department has drafted, proposed and filed administrative rules which are necessary for the administration of this profession. The draft rules were filed on April 11, 2011, with the Secretary of State, and were subsequently published in the Illinois Register on the same date.

The first notice and comment period is set to expire on June 6, 2011, and providing there are no significant issues raised that might require attention, the rules will move to second notice prior to ultimately being adopted and enforceable. Once the rules are adopted and become effective, the Department will notify the public, including the profession, and only then will the Department begin to accept applications for licensure. This information will be made available on the Department website at that time.